BOWERS HILLINTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS STUDY



AUGUST 2020 NEWS

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

In April 2019, the Federal Highway
Administration (FHWA) issued the Bowers
Hill Interchange Improvements Study
Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA
focused on operational improvements at the
Bowers Hill Interchange: the confluence of
I-664, I-64, I-264, U.S. Route 460, U.S. Route 58,
U.S. Route 13 and Jolliff Road (VA Route 191).
Two potential build alternatives and associated
impacts were presented in the document and
more than 980 comments were received.



May 2019 EA Public Meeting



WHAT'S NEW?

Since publication of the EA, the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization, along with the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission, VDOT and FHWA, has expanded the study parameters to include a larger study area, including approximately seven additional miles north along Interstate (I-) 664 to College Drive. Considerations also include how the study area would interact with Express Lanes.

VIRTUAL PRESENTATION AVAILABLE

Sept 17 - Oct 16, 2020

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Comment Period Ends Oct. 16

WHAT'S NEXT?

In light of the expanded study area, additional environmental analysis is required. In July 2020, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) mailed letters to property owners along the corridor informing the homeowner that VDOT may need to access the property to collect data. Receiving the letter does not mean the property will be impacted, but that it is close enough to I-664 from which data is needed.

The data, consisting of written/photo documentation related to the surrounding roadways, wetlands, streams, and other resources, will be used to develop a new National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document, currently assumed to be an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Once all data collection is completed, VDOT will develop and present alternatives for potential improvements to the public.

Because of the current COVID-19 restrictions, VDOT will share a virtual presentation in September to provide an opportunity for the public to learn more about the current path forward for the study. Materials will be available online starting September 17, 2020. An online survey will gather important public input that will inform the goals and objectives for the study, and comments can be submitted through an online form, email or letter by October 16, 2020.